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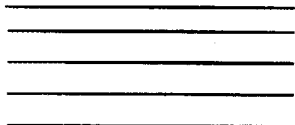


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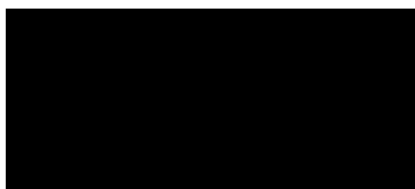
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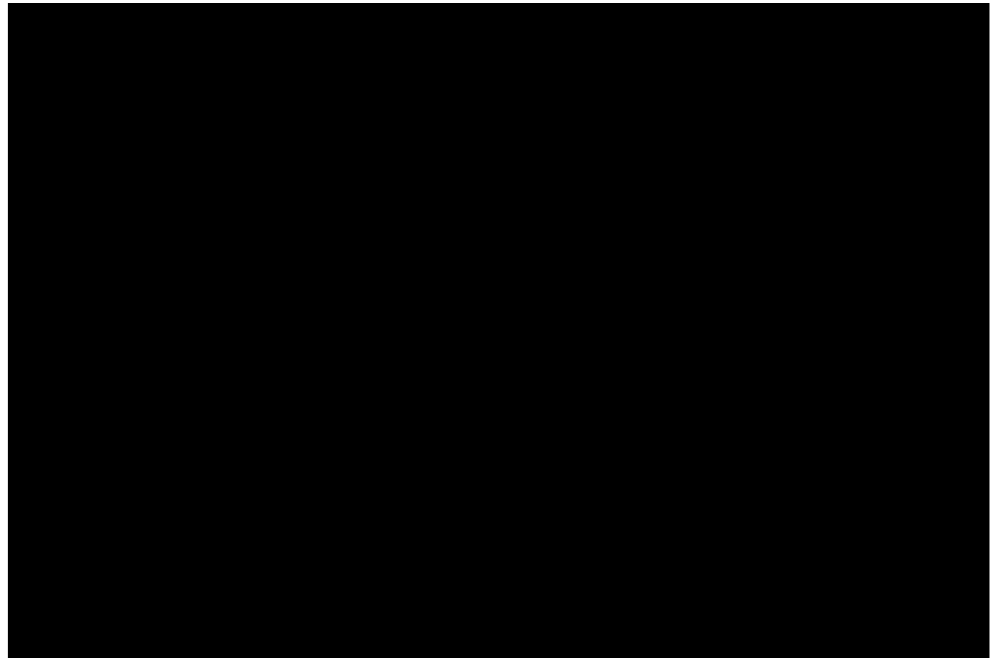
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## *Current Notes*

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#### **Iraq:**



#### **Lebanon:**

##### **Christians Arrested After Anti-Syrian Attacks** [REDACTED]

Lebanese security forces since Wednesday have arrested approximately 50 Christians who are former members of the dissolved Lebanese Forces militia and supporters of exiled former armed forces commander Awn, [REDACTED]

— Press reports say gunmen attacked a bus carrying Syrian workers on Wednesday—killing one and injuring another—and that later that day a small explosion occurred near the Syrian military intelligence headquarters in Tripoli. [REDACTED]

*A connection between these events cannot be corroborated, but Syria and its Lebanese surrogates have always quickly suppressed anti-Syrian attacks in Lebanon. Damascus may view attacks as part of a campaign to undermine Syria's interests in Lebanon.*

— Some Christian leaders are attempting to work with Israel to facilitate a Syrian withdrawal from Lebanon, [REDACTED]  
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